

OMI NEWS an endangered species

The OMI NEWS is once again facing its annual spring fund shortage. The shortage was — and is — so critical that the newspaper came near to not being published at all this month.

Inflation and rapidly rising prices have boosted the monthly cost of production of this 8-page tabloid to more than \$1,000 per month (which does not include some incidental expenses).

Delinquent payments for advertisements, one dating back to December 1977, are responsible for at least \$800 due the OMI NEWS.

What pays the costs of this newspaper? The advertising, which also provides an important service by informing readers of goods and services available nearby. The OMI NEWS, with its guaranteed circulation of more than 12,000, is of great value to advertisers as well as consumers in the area.

During recent months, the OMI NEWS carried pleas for help, particularly for adver-

tising solicitors. Ads not only pay for the paper, but also help support the OMICA which needs funds to function.

Funds for what?

- Funds to publish the OMI NEWS which provides community news not available in other media.

- Funds for ongoing OMICA activities such as maintaining an office in the neighborhood, housing the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, establishing a van service for the elderly, and cleaning up the area via Project Clean Sweep, to name a few.

- Funds for future projects which might eventually include a senior escort service or an affirmative action desk in the OMICA office.

In the fall, the OMI NEWS pays its way — as well as some OMICA expenses — through its ads. Business and professional people are eager to advertise after the summer months (July and August) when the OMI NEWS does not

publish.

Further, in the autumn, political advertising brings in funds and helps OMI voters learn something of those who are running for various offices.

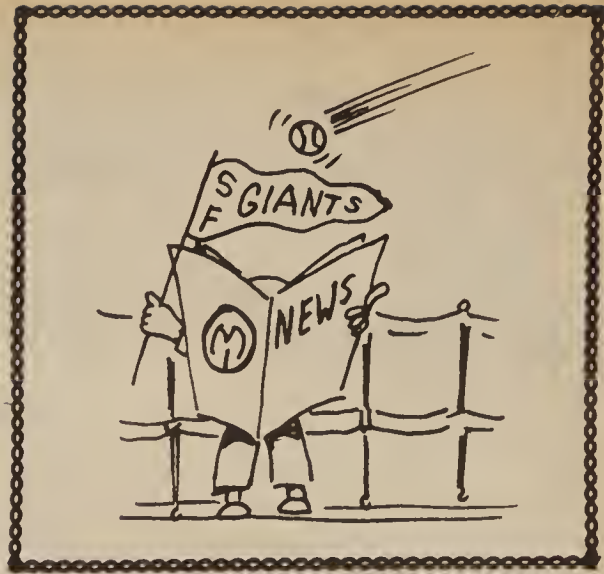
But in the spring, which usually has no election hoopla to stimulate ads, the revenue is less. And this spring, there have been fewer than usual volunteers to sell ads.

Last year, in the late spring, the OMI NEWS celebrated its tenth anniversary with a benefit party. The fund-raiser produced revenue and a lot of pleasure for those who participated.

Although this is not a milestone year, the need for funds is greater than ever. Yet this year there are not enough volunteers nor money available to stage a party.

If you can do without a party, and if you can become an OMI NEWS sponsor, send your donation (tax deductible) to: OMI NEWS, 201 Granada Ave., S.F. 94112.

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2 summer youth jobs open in OMI

Candidates are being sought for the positions of area supervisor and assistant area supervisor for the OMI Mayor's Summer Youth Program.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age, have two years of college and some administrative experience.

The two-fold summer program features (1) a career-educational phase and (2) a

work-experience phase.

Any interested person should send or bring a resume addressed to Ms. Veronica Hunnicutt, c/o the OMICA, 201 Granada Ave., S.F. 94112, no later than Friday (May 4).

Interviews will be held on Saturday (May 5), 1 to 3 p.m., at the OMICA office.

The actual work will begin on Monday (May 7).

Ocean View-Merced-Ingleside Districts

Working to enhance the quality of the OMI Community



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Making 'More American Graffiti'

It is almost summer time and any day now I am expecting news that the movie in which I made my film debut will be released. It is to be a sequel to *American Graffiti* and may be entitled *More American Graffiti* or *Purple Haze* ... or perhaps something else entirely.

My venture into movies began last summer when my driver heard a radio announcement asking for autos, vintage 1967 or earlier, to



THE AUTHOR
On location in S.F.

audition for a film to be made in the bay area.

As I was born in 1964 and am in excellent condition except for a ripped off hood or-

nement, I was interested.

My driver, then on vacation, and I went to the audition at Fort Mason. There we found ourselves in the company of a score of cars including two antique and elegant Rolls Royces, a couple of tired pickup trucks, some vans and many assorted convertibles, coupes and sedans.

We cars were photographed individually, via polaroid, and the drivers filled out forms supplied by Medway Productions Inc. of San Anselmo and Universal City.

The form requested data on my age, make, model, color and condition. Also, whether I could go on location "on 24 hours notice," in either Marin, Fremont or San Francisco, anytime from August through November.

We learned that a day's appearance would pay "about \$30 plus lunch".

Weeks after, in September, we received a phone call asking if we could appear two days later on location at Lombard and Hyde Streets, at 6:30 a.m.

The day was my driver's day off, but as she thinks ear-

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Write right now!

Community response is what it will take to get a post office again on Ocean Avenue. This means that every interested person should write or telephone at once to express his/her opinion on the need for a nearby post office.

Phone: 556-2500 (Postal Service Information and Complaint Unit); or

Write: Postmaster Lim P. Lee, S.F. Main Post Office, 7th & Mission Streets, S.F. 94103. Act now.

It takes work to get work

Do young adults who are seeking jobs consider every possible source of employment? Apparently not.

Recently a restaurant facility advertised in the daily newspapers for some 200 workers. The response to the ads was meager. When this situation was reported on a TV newscast, the hiring agency was flooded with applicants.

This sequence of events leads to at least two conclusions.

One is that job seekers expect that work will come to them. That a paying job will magically find them as they sit at home staring at the idiot box. This may happen, but do not count on it.

A second thought is that a good many young would-be workers are ignorant of the fact that it can take much hard work to get work. They are also apparently unaware of some of the obvious sources of employment in San Francisco.

Besides ads in daily and weekly newspapers, there are many private and public agencies whose business it is to fill requests of employers for workers, skilled and unskilled.

The State Employment Development Department (EDD) has Job Information Centers in various parts of the City. To locate the nearest one, call 557-1800.

Each EDD branch provides a number of services as well as job leads, but the would-be worker MUST ASK FOR THEM. These include counseling, workshops, aptitude testing and training, among other services.

On request are a number of

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After burglary ... what to do?

By Diane C. Donovan

"Buy a big dog ... or better yet, move," one policeman advised us.

"Get a gun," was my father's advice the day after we were burglarized. Surely, we felt, there must be other alternatives.

After we were robbed, I visited my local police station (for the first time) and discovered their program of identification protection. The S.F. Police will loan you an engraver, instructions on its use, and stickers for your window that announce your home as protected by "Operation Identification."

Engraving identifying marks on all your valuables makes them harder for a burglar to sell, easier for police to recover, and can be a deterrent to thieves who don't want to take the time to break in and then go through everything to find what has not been engraved.

Getting to know your neighbor is another deterrent to crime. You may know Joe Nextdoor on a first-name basis. But does he know your schedule or have your work phone number? Do you know his? Do you only inform him when you're going on a long trip? Most crimes happen in broad daylight when you're at work.

Project SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone) will set up a date when you can have neighbors on your block meet at your home to discuss safety measures and crime prevention.

A nosy neighbor is not unwelcome in a big city. Minding each other's business can save your life and/or possessions.

Block clubs in OMI

A list of SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone) block clubs in the OMI districts has been sent to the OMICA by Vivian S. Turner, neighborhood coordinator for Project SAFE.

To learn if there is an active block club in your area, call the OMICA, weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., at 564-8188.

Let's clean up the OMI

By Lonnie Lawson

Do you have a pothole in the street in front of your home? Is an abandoned auto taking up parking space and adding an eyesore to your block?

Lonnie Lawson, OMICA Community Planning Committee chairman, would like to call attention to city services that can correct these and other neighborhood nuisances.

If you have ideas on getting city services for OMI areas, or if you can work on a task force to clean up the districts, Lawson would like to hear from you.

This is part of Project Clean Sweep which was announced in last month's OMI NEWS. Lawson is calling all those who respond and will then

contact the proper city agencies for action.

Besides abandoned vehicles and litter, the list of problems might include pest control, blocked sewers, sidewalk repair, tree planting, street construction, smog and odor control, traffic congestion, broken traffic signs, water leaks and street lights.

Join your neighbors NOW in a strong and united effort to bring available city services to the OMI and get it in A-1 shape during 1979.

You can leave a message for Lawson at the OMICA, 584-8188, weekdays, 9 to 4 p.m.; phone him in the evenings at 586-2808, or use the form below.

PROJECT CLEAN SWEEP

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
The most convenient time to contact me is _____

My concern is with (please check)
Abandoned vehicles _____
Excess litter _____
Other (specify) _____



To The People

Of the OMI Community

by **I.T. Bookman**

President of the OMI-CA

The OMI NEWS needs your help.

This monthly publication provides comprehensive community news, profiles of OMI residents, announcements of meetings and events — in short, an awareness and knowledge of the OMICA and other neighborhood organizations not available in local newspapers or in the other media.

Our newspaper is a conscientious and sincere attempt to define and relate to the community some of the problems and conditions existing in the OMI areas.

We are asking OMICA members and friends to pitch in. There is an immediate need for money to meet the current, rising costs of newspaper production.

There is also a need for persons to sell ads, a most practical way of producing funds for the OMI NEWS with its guaranteed circulation of more than 12,000 copies a month.

Time and money — both can help immeasurably. Give a few dollars or a few hours to keep our newspaper alive and healthy.

Thank You!

Since our listing in January, OMICA has welcomed 128 new or renewed members to our roll.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond R. Abinanti, Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni F. Abundo, Mrs. R.J. Arata, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Baez, Ms. Adrienne Baker, Luie & Eva Barnett, Friedel & Julius Bauer, Merritt T. Beckerman, Mr. & Mrs. Louis L. Bispo, Ms. Lois Blanchard, Maleta J. Boatman, M.D., Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Bowers, Mr. & Mrs. E. Bronstein, Harriet E. Bruce, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Buckley.

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Ecumenical Parish of OMI, Mrs. Charles Fahlen, Rena M. Ferrell, Mr. & Mrs. Ike Fortson, Lucile E. Foster, Samuel U. Frazier, Karl Frey, William M. Fuller, Jr., George Fulmore, Cornell & Mairre Gatewood, Mr. & Mrs. Renato D. Geniblazo, Marion A. Gough, Juanita & Curtis E. Green Sr., R.A. Grimes.

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Betty Traynor, Albert Veal Jr., Dr. Kenneth S. Washington, Jack Webb, Jim Welch, Luetta White, Jack L. Williams, Helena Wilson, Mrs. C.L. Wortman, Wright Chapel, A.M.E., Youth Searchlight Center, Jay Zartun, Myron M. Zimmerman and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Zorrozu.

Join Now!

Sign up today as a 1979 member and help the Ocean View, Merced, Ingleside Community.

ENROLL ME AS A 1979 MEMBER

Basic Membership Dues\$5.00

Supporting Membership\$15.00 to \$25.00

Sustaining Membership\$30.00 to \$75.00

Sponsor Membership\$100 or More

NAME

ADDRESS

ZIP Phone

Please Make Tax-Deductible Checks Payable to

OMI CA Mail to: 201 Granada Ave., S.F., CA 94112

What's happening

By Rochelle Metcalfe

The William Hammond Hall Society participated in its second community tree planting, Feb. 10, on the 200 block of Lobos Street. The effort was organized by Tom Chiosso, greatly aided by Walt Ahrens' expertise, and the more than willing work of Bill Valentine, Niall Lane, Jake Sigg, Doug Martino, Bill Minasian and Rich Adams.

The block effort was organized by the Rev. Allen, William Hector, Sr., and Will Reno.

Twenty-five trees were added to bring beauty to a sometimes bleak landscape. Neighborhood Initiated Improvement Program funds (federal) covered the cost of trees and material.

The William Hammond Hall Society promotes high quality parks and improvement of the San Francisco landscape — such as street tree plantings and care. The Society is headquartered in the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

On March 7, Jose Ortega Elementary School celebrated Arbor Day by planting two trees dedicated to the students' parents and former teachers. Principal Walter Morris addressed the students and faculty, complimenting them on their efforts in beautifying the school site. Morris introduced Supervisor Lee Dolson, who gave a brief history of the trees in the area and commended the students on their efforts.

Two gardeners from the Street Planting Division of the Department of Public Works, Elise Davis and Walter Ahrens, volunteered to do the actual planting and instruct students in proper maintenance procedure.



Dolson

From City Hall



Kopp

By Supervisor Lee Dolson

A five-year plan to increase service on the Muni is now being finalized. Present diesel bus routes will be improved by extending shorter routes, consolidating duplicative service and adjusting time schedules. Some diesel routes will be electrified with quieter, more maintenance-free trolley coaches used.

Finally, a basic shift in some route patterns will occur. In our district, the "J" car line will be extended and most major lines will provide more direct, faster downtown service. If you have any concerns, please let us know.

Our City, until quite recently, did not have an updated valid tow-car contract and, therefore, the number of wrecked and abandoned autos in front of homes became an increasing eyesore.

Because the City's inventory tax had driven auto parts sky-high in cost, parts warehouses had moved out-of-state and the minimum time between a mechanic's order and the delivery of spare parts was four days! These wrecks were sometimes, therefore, strategically located so as to supply auto parts needs on mechanics requests. Each car was progressively stripped and demolished as the orders came in.

There is no longer, however, any need to suffer silently. For tow-car aid, notify either the OMI PROJECT CLEAN SWEEP — an absolutely great program! — or phone in a complete description of the objectionable vehicle and its location to the Ingleside Police Station at 553-9111.

By Supervisor Quentin Kopp

The resolution below is in support of Assembly Bill 81 which raises renters' tax credit for California Income Tax from \$37 to \$300.

I introduced this resolution at the April 9 Board of Supervisors meeting and it was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Existing law authorizes a credit of \$37 against taxes due under the Personal Income Tax Law for qualified renters in California; and

WHEREAS, Even after distribution of so-called "bail-out" funds to local government entities there will remain a state surplus of over \$2 billion which should be remitted to California taxpayers who have not shared fully in the benefits of Proposition 13; and

WHEREAS, AB 81 currently being considered by the California Legislature increases the amount of the tax credit for renters from \$37 to \$300; and

WHEREAS, AB 81 would provide that if there is more than one unrelated occupant in a rental unit, the credit shall be equally divided among the occupants; and

WHEREAS, Under AB 81 a "qualified renter" eligible for the \$300 tax credit means an individual who on March 1 of the taxable year was a resident of California and on such date rented and occupied premises in California which constitute his or her principal place of residence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors does support AB 81, which authorizes a credit of \$300 against taxes due under the Personal Income Tax Law for qualified renters in California, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to her Honor, the Mayor, for transmittal to the San Francisco delegation in the State Legislature with the request that all necessary action be taken to ensure that the intent of this resolution be carried out.

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ANTIQUES

DON'T THROW IT AWAY — SELL IT TO US! Antiques, furniture and bric-a-brac. Wilson's Antiques & Stuff, 1608 Ocean Ave. 334-4092.

BENEFIT

EMMA PINKNEY WILL SELL CHICKEN DINNERS-TO-GO. Pick up Sun., June 3, 1 - 5 p.m. \$3.50 adult, \$1.75, child. BENEFIT — 3 under-priv. children to summer camp. 354 Head St. (nr. Randolph). Phone 586-6617. Order now!!

FREE SKILLS SWAP

HELP FORM AN OMI SERVICE TALENT EXCHANGE. Swap skills at no cost, except for materials involved; e.g. child care for sewing, TV repair for carpentry, cleaning for auto tuneup. Call Joseph Marshall (evenings), 587-5032.

GARDENING

EXPERT PRUNING of shrubs and trees, yard cleaning. 586-1566 after 6 p.m.

COMPLETE SERVICE, trees, shrubs, sod, experienced, reliable. Peter A. Franceschi, 585-0649.

HELP WANTED

SALES. EARNINGS UNLIMITED. Will train. Part-time/Full-time. Call for appt. 567-5706.

SERVICE

GARAGE & BASEMENT cleaning. 586-1566, after 6 p.m.

NORTON'S TV Service, Holloway at 587 Ramsell, Just outside Parkmerced. Also 4033 Judah St. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dealer for RCA, Zenith, service all makes. JU 7-8565.

JIM'S GENERAL CLEANING. Painting, plumbing, elec., rugs, roof patch, hauling, etc. 10% discount elderly. Free estimates. 586-8270 after 7:30 p.m.

SPACE AVAILABLE

NEW OCEAN AVENUE SPECIALTY CENTER — 540 square feet retail; 2080 square feet of second floor office space. Center to include LAUNDERLAND, SEVEN-ELEVEN STORE, KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN. Completion approximately 90 days. OWNER — 835-8300.

Only 10 cents per word. Send your ad with check or money order by the 15th of the month to:

OMI NEWS,
201 Granada Ave.
S.F. 94112

BOOKSALE! due

No book lover will want to miss the 15th annual BOOKSALE! sponsored by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

The big event will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 4, 5 and 6), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Pier 2, Fort Mason (across from the Marina Safeway).

The preview sale, on Thursday (May 3), 4 to 7 p.m., is open to the public for a \$3 donation. It is free to current members of the Friends. To join, call 558-3770.

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JOB BANK

By Marvin Marro

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GETTING WORK

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free publications such as *How to Write a Resume* and *Get That Job*.

Repeated, even daily, visits to the EDD are more likely to produce results than merely filing a resume with the office. Job requests come in frequently and are filled quickly — more often by the person on hand than the one whose name is in the files.

The job seeker who wants to work in some level of government has several ways to go.

City employment is handled by the Civil Service Commission, Room 151, City Hall. Scheduled examinations and jobs are posted where anyone can look them over. The phone is 558-4495.

The state of California hires through the State Personnel Board at 100 Van Ness Ave., 11th floor. The phone is 557-0576.

If you want to work for Uncle Sam, there is a Job Information Center in the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Room 1001. The phone is 556-6667.

For city, state or federal positions, it is usually best to go to the agency rather than telephoning, unless some specific information is desired.

There are dozens of private employment agencies. Some specialize, some offer a wide variety of employment. They are listed in the yellow pages and run long columns of classified ads in the daily and Sunday newspapers.

Do not neglect "temporary" agencies which offer short-term employment. Sometimes a 3-day job can unexpectedly last for several weeks or months. And it can provide work experience to add to a resume.

The services considered so far are primarily for persons over 18 years of age. Younger individuals should consult their school Career Counseling Centers, if any, or school counselors concerning job availability and work permits.

READERS: Please tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the OMI NEWS. Ads help.

Mother's Day

May 13

Peace Day

May 18

Memorial Day

(holiday)

May 28

OMI CALENDAR

OMICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 5 & 19 — 10 a.m. to noon.

First Sat., Board business only; third Sat., community comments, grievances and committee reports.

OMICA COMMITTEES

May 17 — Health Committee, 7:30 p.m.

All above meetings are at 201 Granada Ave. and open to the general public. Call 584-8188 for confirmation or changes.

OPEN NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES

May 2 — Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Group, 139 Broad St., 7:30 p.m.

May 3 — League of Women Voters Ingleside Discussion Group. Topic: Housing. 10 Lunado Way, 7:30 p.m.

May 5 — St. Emydius International Festival. Parish Center.

May 7 — League of Women Voters Parkmerced Discussion Group. Topic: Housing, 7:30 p.m. (For location call 986-0480, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

May 8 — Concerned Black Parents of Lowell. Regular meeting. 201 Granada Ave., 7:30 p.m.

May 9 — Meeting to review the draft OMI plans. 7:30 p.m. Ocean View Recreation Center.

May 10 — Ingleside Terrace Homes Association. 7:30 p.m. 585-0945 for location.

May 14 — Homeowners/Renters Improvement Assoc. 179 Victoria St., 7:30 p.m.

May 23 — Ocean Avenue Merchants Association meeting. 201 Granada Ave., 7 p.m.

June 5 — Sunnyside Neighborhood Association regular monthly meeting. St. Finn Barr's Church hall, Edna & Hearst Sts., 8 p.m.

June 5 — Ecumenical Parish of OMI. Location undecided at press time.

CITYWIDE MEETINGS

May 4-6 — Annual Book Sale. Pier 2, Fort Mason, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spons. by Friends of S.F. Public Library.

May 6 — Haight-Ashbury Community Street Fair. Masonic to Stanyan Sts. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

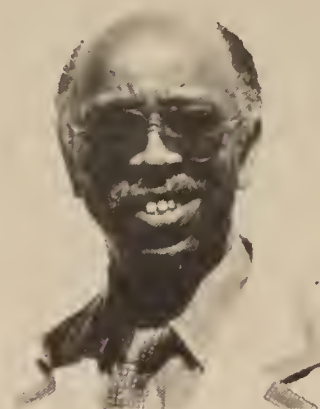
May 10 — San Franciscans for Affordable Housing, Housing Crisis Hearing. St. Mary's Park Recreation Center. 7 p.m.

May 12 — The Sky Is the Limit, children's pageant. San Francisco Hotel, 1231 Market St. 7 p.m. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets \$10 at BASS or Ticketron.

May 18-19 — American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days.

May 22 — Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Christ Church Lutheran, 20th Ave. & Quintara St., 1 p.m.

Bryant wins promotion



CLARENCE W. BRYANT
Now he's a Chief

Clarence W. Bryant, former OMICA president, has been named Chief of the Sector Field Office of the Half Moon Bay Long Range Radar facility. The appointment was announced recently by the S.F. Sector of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Bryant, a 20-year employee of the FAA, attended school in San Francisco. His degrees include an Associate in Science and Bachelor of Arts.

He is currently completing work for his Master's at S.F. State University.

He has done advanced studies in communication, engineering, digital and radar equipment, and attended the FAA Academy at Oklahoma City, Okla.

During his busy career, he found time for civic activities which included serviced on Mayor Alioto's Crime Committee, the Archbishop's Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic Social Services' Board of Directors.

For fun, he bowls and is a member of the Top Flight Golf Club of the Western States Golf Association.

The S.F. Sector extends from the Golden Gate Bridge to below Paso Robles. Bryant is the only black Field Office Chief in the sector.

He and his wife, Annie Laurie, live in Merced Heights. They have four daughters.

Stork time

Spring brings new joys in many forms, among them recent arrivals at the homes of OMI district residents.

On January 11, OMI resident Bilal Ali Batin became the grandfather of Bilalia Alia Sabri, 7 pounds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bilal Hassan Sabri of Oakland. The mother is the former Wanda Batin.

On March 4, Henry Jefferson, OMICA board member, and his wife Jackie, became the parents of Marlon, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces, at U.C. Hospital.

The husky lad has two sisters, Toni, 14, and Traci, 10, and a brother, Marcus, 6. "They are all spoiling Marlon," says his dad.

On March 24, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reidy, new residents on Faxon Avenue, became the parents of a new daughter, Nicole Marie, who weighed 6 pounds, 9½ ounces. She has a sister, Jennifer, 16 months. Mr. Reidy, an attorney, specializes in zoning and environmental law and government regulations. He also teaches those subjects at University of San Francisco.

On April 2, Don and Arabella Peace of Lakeview Avenue welcomed their first child, Don Jr., at St. Luke's Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

On April 8, the Merrill Collets became the parents of Gabriel Harold at Kaiser Hospital. He weighed 8½ pounds. His mother, Pam, is an OMICA board member and has frequently been accompanied to meetings by son Nathan, 2.

Merrill has written many of the profiles that have appeared in the OMI NEWS. He has also published in California Living, the Berkeley Barb and the Millbrae Sun.

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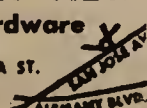
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JCC summer events

Camp Achavah, the summer day camp program of the Brotherhood Way Jewish Community Center, is now accepting registration for children 5-12 years old.

The camp provides two four-week sessions: June 25 to July 20, and July 30 to August 24. Included in the camp fee is bus transportation from San Francisco to the camp grounds at Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno.

Activities at the camp include sports, arts and crafts, hiking, overnights, and a daily swim program at nearby Crestmoor High School.

The Center announces a unique program for teens, 14 and 15 years old, who wish to learn how to work effectively with children.

In conjunction with Camp Achavah, Leaders-In-Training will participate in workshops and discussion groups focusing on child development, program ideas and techniques.

LITs will learn small group theory, camp craft, arts and crafts, and creative Jewish programming.

A series of six evening sessions for pre-camp training in May and June are necessary before the regular camp session begins on June 25.

The Center has contracted to rent Crestmoor High School's two swimming pools in San Bruno from June 25 through August 24, so that both members and non-members can use these facilities.

For more information on any of these JCC activities, call 334-7474.

Singles invited

The Brotherhood Way Jewish Community Center invites all single parents interested in meeting new people to share their ideas and experiences at Single Parents Group meetings.

On Wednesday (May 9), 7 to 9 p.m., Dennis Dow, M.A., will discuss the Many Faces of Depression — where it comes from, its many disguises, aids for overcoming it, using it creatively.

Low cost childcare is available at the Center during the meeting. Admission is \$1.50 for Center members, \$2.00 for non-members. For more information call 334-7474.

McCall ordained in Berkeley

His many friends in the OMI area will be pleased to learn of the ordination of the Rev. Chester McCall into the United Church of Christ, Northern California Conference, on April 22 at South Berkeley Community Church.

He has been associate minister there for the past year and is the first black to be ordained into the Conference.

"But my most active ministry is 'Your House, North,' a crisis resolution home in Daly City for adolescents 10 to 17 years old," said the young pastor whose prime interest is working with young people and their families.

As coordinator of one of two such houses operated in San Mateo County by Sequoia Council of the YMCA, McCall and his staff give temporary shelter and counsel to youngsters in crisis situations with their families or society.

He is also consultant in religious matters and minority concerns to the Public Defender's office in Santa Clara County.

In what McCall terms "a caring community," the kids participate in an intense but wholly voluntary program. They are the real residents of "Your House" — the staff works in shifts around the clock.

A day begins with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by a regular school day, home by 4 p.m. for group counseling, then dinner at 6. After clean-up and kitchen chores, their time is their own until bedtime at 10 p.m.

McCall, who now lives in San Jose with his wife, Susan, is almost solely responsible for starting "Your House."

"We've been open since January 5, but we've been working on it since last October," said the 30-year-old minister. He located the premises, secured the permit, assembled the staff, and painted and furnished the home.

Not a lazy man by anyone's standards.

Come 'n strum

A new series of beginning folk guitar classes will begin at J.P. Murphy Playground, 1960 - 9th Ave., on Wednesday (May 2) at 6 p.m.

Students must furnish their own guitars, but all other materials will be supplied for the nominal fee of \$15 for 12 lessons.

Instruction in banjo and mandolin will be offered if sufficient interest is shown.

Interested persons should contact the Music Division of the S.F. Recreation/Park Department at 558-4277. Or bring your guitar to the opening session of the course.

TIME TO READ

By Mike Malfatti

May may be the month you may be inclined to do some book reading. Be that as it may, let me share my May selections, if I may.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP by John Irving. This number one best seller has been called the best American novel of the year by many critics. It is a book rich with humor and imagination. This one will be talked about for years to come. (Pocket Books, \$2.75)

CHINA SYNDROME by Burton Wohl. By now most people know that the title refers to a core meltdown of a nuclear reactor. The similarities between this book and what happened last month at Three Mile Island are purely coincidental — and quite frightening! (Bantam Books, \$1.95)

A LONELY RAGE by Bobby Seale. This autobiography, with a foreword by James Baldwin, chronicles the life of Bobby Seale from his childhood in Texas through his evolution as Black Panther Party chairman and his ordeal during the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial. He tells it like it was. (Bantam Books, \$2.75)

EDWIN OF THE IRON SHOES by Marcia Muller. This fast-paced mystery novel takes place in San Francisco and marks the debut of a new private investigator heroine, Sharon McCone. In a few long days, Sharon solves two murders and almost becomes the victim of a third. A second Sharon McCone mystery is in the works. This could be the start of something big. (Penguin Books, \$1.95)

Fighting fraud

The Consumer Fraud Unit offers the services of trained volunteers to handle problems ranging from disputes over auto repairs to unfair business practices. The program is free.

For a complaint form in English, Chinese or Spanish, call 553-1814, or visit the office in Room 320, Hall of Justice, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Getting pretty

Historic Kezar Pavilion, site of thousands of basketball games, is now undergoing an \$83,000 face lift. Work on the building will continue through May.

The restoration includes painting of the building's interior and exterior along with new fluorescent lighting.

Built in 1925, Kezar Pavilion has been utilized for various athletic events besides basketball. Boxing, volleyball and roller derbys, as well as pageants and special events, have been held in the structure which has a seating capacity of 5,500.

Those interested in future bookings for Kezar Pavilion should contact manager John Conner at 558-4532.

By Yvonne Crawford Brooks

From award winning novel to motion picture! Many warm, earthy, human interest stories have been removed from the pages of a book and transported to the motion picture screen. It is interesting to compare the written story with the visual one.

Spencer's Mountain by Earl Hamner, Jr. was an excellent novel, a motion picture success and provided inspiration for the hit television series *The Waltons*.

The Book-A-Holic recommends that you check-out the following titles that have gone from print-to-film.

ODE TO BILLY JOE by Herman Raucher

THE POSEIDEN ADVENTURE by Paul Gallico

THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN by Michael Crichton

ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL by Anne Frank

PORTRAIT OF JEANIE (old) by Robert Nathan

Be sure to visit your neighborhood library! See you next month.

Poison warning

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has requested editors to pass along to their readers the following tips to prevent accidental poisonings:

- Always store medicines and household products in their original containers.
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- Store medicines and household products away from foods.
- Read labels carefully.
- Follow carefully the label instructions on substances with toxic fumes.
- Keep handy the phone numbers of physicians and local Poison Control Center (666-2845).

Free park tours

A series of free walking tours of Golden Gate Park begins Saturday (May 5) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The tours, sponsored by the Friends of Recreation and Park, will continue every Saturday and Sunday through October.

According to Sandy Calio, park guide, the 90-minute walks will concentrate on the landmarks of the eastern, middle and western ends of the park.

Those interested in finding out more about Golden Gate Park can call Ms. Calio for more tour information at 543-4664 or 387-5938 evenings.

'LITTLE LEAGUE'

IN INGLESIDE?

A youth program new to Ingleside is Project Communication. It will hold its first meeting Saturday (May 12), 2p.m. at 230 Holloway Ave.

First on the agenda is development of a "little league" baseball team for youth about 13 to 15 years.

Purpose of the project is to give youth direction toward self-development, self-respect, and motivation toward education.

Interested and caring adults are vital to this program.

Information through Ersilene Jones, 587-3331 or 587-4048.

Floral art at CCSF

Art and Flowers is the theme of the 21st annual open house on Thursday (May 3), 1 to 7 p.m., of City College's Retail Floristry Department, Phelan Avenue and Genessee Street.

The public is invited to the free event which will feature window displays combining flowers and art objects. Advanced students will conduct floral demonstrations throughout the afternoon.

Award-winning arrangements will be among the displays.

Camp classes at Y

An informative series of classes on camp leadership is being offered by the Stonestown YMCA.

The course is designed for any person who wishes to work with children in a camping program and is open to members of any youth-serving organization or profession, as well as high school and college-aged students.

The course begins Wednesday (May 2) at 7:30 p.m. and continues through Wednesday (May 30).

Registration can be made by a visit to the Stonestown YMCA.

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The 78th commencement at San Francisco State University climaxes activities for the spring semester on Saturday (May 26) in ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m., Cox Stadium on campus.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION. More than 800 classes are offered for credit at SFSU summer sessions, which run from May 29 through August 17. Seven different segments are taught by regular faculty and special visiting professors. The "A" session (May 29 through July 6) may be registered for by mail through May 18. For information call 469-1414.

EGYPTIAN TREASURES. Artifacts from the Suto Egyptian collection, housed at the university as a major resource of the classics department's museum conservation and training program, are on display at Macy's downtown store on the seventh floor through May 19. Some 600 items include sarcophagi, mummies, precious jewelry and weapons of war.

WOMEN AT THE FOCUS. The stories of six famous women astronomers and their discoveries are told with special effects and sound in the sky theater, Physical Science building. Showings of *Women at the Focus* are on Wednesdays (May 9 and 16) at noon and are free.

PRESTIGIOUS SPEAKER. An outstanding Mark Twain scholar and authority on American literature, Dr. Henry Nash Smith, professor emeritus of English at UC Berkeley, will be the speaker Thursday (May 10) at 11 a.m. in Room 101 of the Humanities building on 19th Ave. His topic at the free lecture is "American Ideology & the Novel: Some 19th Century Examples." Smith is noted for his prize-winning book *Virgin Land* and the recently published survey of U.S. writing, *Popular Resistance to Classic American Writers*.

'LIGHT UP THE SKY'. Broadway legends are relived in Moss Hart's comedy of the '40s, *Light Up the Sky*. The characters suggest various theater personalities of the period. This Advanced Acting Workshop production, directed by Dr. Samuel Elkind, is staged in the Little Theater, Creative Arts building, for four nights, Wednesday through Saturday (May 9-12) at 8 p.m. No admission charge.

JAZZ ENSEMBLES. Big band sounds are heard twice a year in Creative Arts concerts showcasing musicians and music. This spring's Jazz Ensembles, with Bennett Friedman and Jim Grantham leading, will be Tuesday (May 8) at 8 p.m. in McKenna Theater. Admission: \$3.

REQUIEM, a major work by Jose Nunes Garcia (1767-1830), will be the feature of the Choral Union program directed by Byron McGilvray in McKenna Theater at 8 p.m. Tuesday (May 15). Garcia, a noted black composer in South America, served as director of music to the viceroy of Rio de Janeiro during the early part of the 19th century. Tickets are \$3.

'ARTE IN THE EARLY 19th CENTURY'. Tradition of *commedia dell'arte* flourishes on campus this spring with stage shows and outdoor gambols. In addition, Louise George Clubb, professor of renaissance literature at UC Berkeley, discusses the "arte" in a free talk Friday (May 11) at 2 p.m. in the deBellis Collection rooms, sixth floor of Leonard Library.

FILMS FOR THE MONTH. The annual Film Finals will be held at 4 and 8 p.m. Friday (May 18) in McKenna Theater. Screenings represent the best work from the film department of the past year. Tickets are \$2.

• Other movie events in May include Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* on Thursday and Friday (May 10 and 11), at 4 and 7 p.m., in the Student Union's Barbary Coast Room. Admission is 75c for the Thursday matinee, \$1.50 general on Thursday evening and Friday.

• With the final chapter of *Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe* set for May 7 at 4:30 p.m. (showing with *Fantastic Planet*), and a festival of vintage cartoons on May 14 at 5 p.m., the Monday Nite Film series completes its spring program in the Student Union Depot. Free.

AID TO MIDDLE CLASS. Students from middle class families now may qualify for a presidentially approved college student loan program with Federal interest subsidies at SFSU. The Middle Income Student Assistance Act (MISAA) increased federal financial benefits significantly to middle income students, while assuring that low income students also receive sufficient aid to pursue post-secondary education. SFSU is accepting registration for the fall semester by mail through August 1; after that, a late registration fee of \$5 is charged. For information about application for aid, call 469-1581; for application to register, call 469-2341.

Adults, take heed

One of the youngest speakers at the citywide Save Our Schools rally last month was Shannon Elam, Aptos Middle School student body president.

She told the audience, in part, "The loss or cutback of special programs adversely affects students. Gifted programs, programs for exceptional students, extra help in math and reading are all important for the urban student."

"Teacher and program cutbacks harm our education, harm us, and harm America's future. The loss of summer school works another hardship on young people who live in the city . . . we are left to our own resources and idle away summer months on the streets."

"It's time for the adults of California to make a commitment to the young people . . . to provide opportunities to be well-rounded students, and to demonstrate that they care about the future."

An eighth grader, Shannon narrowly defeated another excellent candidate for student president, Lisa Curry.

SFSU auditions

Student actors and singers are being sought by the Theatre Arts department of S.F. State University for its 1979 summer stock program. Auditions have been announced for the weekend of May 5 and 6, beginning at 10 a.m. each day and continuing through 4 p.m. They will be held in room 102 of the School of Creative Arts on Holloway Avenue on the SFSU campus. Rehearsals will begin June 18.

Four shows will make up the season. Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor* is the opener, beginning July 5. Starting July 11 is a one-week run of the musical revue, *Oh Coward!*

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* opens July 18. *Hello Dolly!* plays for two weeks, beginning July 25.

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Dear Aunt Jeanie,

I'm a 16-year-old boy with a serious problem. I have my driver's license, but I don't drive because my parents refuse to pay for the insurance. I can't get a job because I am too busy with school and study-related activities. I am a responsible kid and get good grades. How can I convince them to help me out with the insurance?

Old enough but . . .

Dear Old,

Since you are a good student and busy with your education, I feel your parents should help pay your car insurance if they can afford it.

Aunt Jeanie

An invitation

Everyone is invited to Sheridan Elementary School's annual May Festival on Friday (May 18). The event provides a day for parents and children to enjoy fun together and raises funds for the school.

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All telephone bookings will be accepted only within a one-week-in-advance period.

Art classes at Fleishhacker

Classes for adults in ceramics, leaded glass and jewelry are being offered at the Fleishhacker Studio (Great Highway & Sloat Boulevard) sponsored by the S.F. Recreation and Park Department.

Full and half-sessions are available during the spring and summer and registration is now underway.

A special ceramics class for children, 9 to 12, will be offered at the Studio on Thursdays, June 25 - August 18.

For information or a free brochure on registration and fees, write to: Arts & Crafts Advisory Committee, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, S.F. 94117. Phone 558-3402 or 558-4089.

New AFDC booklet

Copies of a new booklet, *Aid to Families with Dependent Children*, are now available to persons interested in the AFDC program.

The booklet lists which states extend AFDC eligibility to needy people in special circumstances, such as to children in families where the father is unemployed or to pregnant women on behalf of unborn children.

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You don't look 65!

By Julia Schneider

Have you ever wished you had the time to write letters complaining about a product, an article, or about something on TV?

Well, I never had the time. Many is the night I lay awake composing magnificent letters complaining about this and that. In my imagination, the response would be immediate. All my efforts would be rewarded. "Buyer beware" would be replaced with "the customer is always right."

And as a consumer, whether it be of products purchased, or ideas conveyed, as by the media, I would be rewarded with an immediate response, thanking me for my letter and assuring me that all would be taken care of.

Now that I no longer am burdened with the major concern of being an exemplary employee (having recently been retired at age 65), I find



all the time in the world to be a letter-writer in fact, rather than in my dreams.

Unlike my fantasies of immediate response, "thank you for letting us know," etc. I am learning that it is very different to find anyone who cares in our everyday world.

A letter to a TV station, complaining about a skit critical of social security, received a casual response that the skit was only comedy to introduce a speaker! No attempt at all to justify misstatements of fact. Does the fact of comedy change anything? I do not think so.

Perhaps TV needs a "Letters to the Editor" format to enable the public to get in its licks, as we used to say when I was a kid.

A letter written in November to an insurance company about a minor accident still remains unanswered.

A letter complaining about my tea kettle that no longer whistles did receive an almost immediate answer, and subsequently some parts that require an engineer's skill to assemble as well as tools not in an ordinary household.

Letters enclosing 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for recipes, bring fast responses. So does any other letter which re-

quests information for which you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

And by the way, if you have friends or relatives who do not write as frequently as you would like, try that self-addressed, stamped envelope routine. It might work, unless of course, they forget to mail the letters.

But don't be discouraged. I'm not.

Today I wrote a letter to the World Almanac about something I discovered that might require a correction; a letter to a magazine publisher who sent me a subscription I ordered for someone else as a gift; a letter about a contest I want to enter which offers the possibility of \$25,000 in cash or an automobile, plus assorted other objects I need like the proverbial hole in the head.

All this has a purpose. I don't want to get out of the habit of writing letters. It sure beats lying awake at night composing the perfect letter than never gets sent.

I would be remiss if I didn't include a word about letters to representatives of government — the people elected to represent us, the voters. You may be surprised, as I was, to learn that they rarely go unanswered. If you don't have an issue to complain about, make someone happy with a word of praise. Just think how nice it is to brighten someone's day.

'You can't collect.'

Older Americans hear and read a great deal about help to which they are entitled once they have retired or reached the age of 65. But "You can't collect unless you file," says Hugh Downs, emcee on the TV program *Over Easy* on KQED.

It would seem that benefits should be automatically given at the appropriate time, but virtually the only such aid is the Public Defender.

Many older persons find it difficult to cope with the red tape involved in obtaining aid for widows, tax benefits and refunds, medical help, social security, and more.

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Here are some of the services OMI residents are willing to exchange: attending the sick, child care, dancing lessons, interior painting, cabinet and table top work, TV and appliance repair, and typing.

If you are interested in any of the above listed services or have other skills to swap and are willing to participate in a service exchange, call Joe Marshall, 587-5032 (evenings).

Earnings up for disabled

Persons who get social security disability benefits and have completed a trial work period can, under new guidelines, now earn up to \$280 a month before their work is ordinarily considered substantial and gainful.

"Substantial and gainful" is the phrase used by social security to gauge a disabled beneficiary's ability to work and hold a job.

Generally, a disabled beneficiary's work record is reviewed by social security to determine if the work is substantial and gainful only after completing a trial work period.

For information call the Social Security office.

Bank statement!

If you are going to the bank, don't go alone, warns the SF Police Crime Prevention unit.

Between March 1978 and March 1979, 89 citizens were robbed on the way to or from their banks. While this kind of robbery occurs throughout The City, the most active area was the Ingleside district.

Police report that:

In all instances, victims were alone at the time of the robberies.

In 36 cases, they were robbed after leaving their banks.

More than half the victims were over 61 years of age; they were evenly divided among male and female.

Highest activity days were Fridays and Mondays and 34 percent of the robberies occurred during the first seven days of the month.

Police suggest that (1) if it is necessary to cash a check, have someone accompany you to the bank, and (2) if possible, have pension and social security checks, or others, deposited directly to your bank by mail.

Do not allow your money to be deposited in the hands of robbers.

They cover basics

A welcome addition to the area for anyone interested in new floor coverings is the San Francisco Flooring & Design Center recently opened at 1552 Ocean Ave.

The proprietors, Patricia Vaughey and Michael Morris, will be happy to show customers their wide selection of carpets, rugs, linoleum and vinyl tile. The shop phone number is 587-8668.

Thank You

The OMICA officers and directors wish to express their deep appreciation to all the OMICA members and friends who contributed so much to the recent rummage sale. Also, sincere thanks are due the volunteers who staffed the sale for five weeks.

Health alert

The following health services are available to interested adults:

District Health Center #5, 1351 - 24th Ave.:

Screening Clinic: Once a week for persons who are not ill but need a physical examination.

Cancer Screening Clinic: Weekly.

Free Dental Screening for Seniors: Held once a month. A student dentist examines your teeth with a mirror and answers questions.

Call 558-3246 for further information and appointments. Mt. Zion Hospital and Medical Center Senior Health Screening and Referral Program:

Free health screening for all San Francisco residents, age 60 and over, who do not have a regular source of medical care or have not had a physical in at least a year.

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Correction

The OMI NEWS incorrectly listed the patient's share of the costs of covered care under the hospital insurance part of Medicare. For the first 60 days in the hospital, the cost should have read \$160 - not \$160 a day.

Waging war on alcoholism

A "Walkaware" to make the public aware of the early signs of alcoholism is being sponsored by Senator Milton Marks on Saturday (June 2), 10 a.m. to noon.

Marks is co-chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism.

Joining the senator in this citywide effort will be members of many groups including youth, church, unions, law enforcement, private business, schools and community organizations such as the OMICA.

All that is needed are two hours of your time to hang informational packets on doors in your neighborhood on June 2.

Also planned for the "Walk-aware" that morning are booths, set up throughout the City, to distribute information on the early warning signals of alcoholism.

Anyone who would like to help by walking through the neighborhood should call the OMICA office, 584-8188, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The packets will be supplied.

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Homewood Terrace — then and now

By Marsha Fontes

"Ah, pity the poor widow and orphan." These words were never more keenly believed and acted upon than in early San Francisco.

The scarcity of women and children, after the gold rush, is probably what made widows and orphans rare and wonderful things and their care an almost fanatical obligation.

Children, especially, were cared for with all the money and love that the rowdy west could lavish upon them. If anything could make up for the tragedy of parental loss, the society of San Francisco tried it.

One group was the Jewish community which, in 1872, established the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum which was later to become Homewood Terrace on Ocean Avenue.

The Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Home Society established its first permanent residence in 1876 at 600 Divisadero St. where care was provided both for orphans and for the elderly who could no longer care for themselves.

The orphanage, keeping up with changing times and innovations developed a cottage-type facility (the first orphanage of this kind in America) and moved out into the country to the 1800 block of Ocean Avenue in 1921.

Under the leadership of Dr. Samuel Langer, the facility quickly grew to care for 125 boys and girls, ages 6 to 18.

Children were housed in cottages set on a pastoral hillock well back from the bustle of the street. Usually there were ten boys and ten girls to a cottage plus an adult. This enabled sisters and brothers to live together in the same building. Everything was done to encourage a normal family atmosphere.

In 1928, Dr. Benjamin Bonaparte became director of Homewood Terrace and remained in that capacity for 30 years. He assembled a staff of equally faithful and capable men and women.

Two of the staff members were known as "Mr. and Mrs. Homewood Terrace." They were Arthur and Hilda Weil who came to the orphanage in 1948 and remained there until it closed in 1965.

Hilda came to San Francisco from Germany in 1939 after she was "kicked out of the country by Hitler."

A graduate in social work fresh out of the University of Berlin, she got a job at the Edgewood Children's Home at 1801 Vicente St. She met and married Arthur, also a German refugee, and they made their first home at Edgewood — an 8 x 12 room with bath.

They moved to Homewood Terrace in 1948 only because they were promised a private apartment.

Under the leadership of Bonaparte, Arthur Weil became director of boys' activities, and Hilda was assistant to the



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director. Arthur recently retired while Hilda still works for the institution, now decentralized, three mornings a week.

In 1965 another progressive change was made. There was a marked reduction in the need for a large facility and the orphanage was broken up into seven separate homes elsewhere in The City. But the effort remains — to approximate a normal family situation.

The Homewood property is now under development by the Hayman Company. It is building 148 residential units on six of the nine acres. The remaining space is to be used for businesses such as a supermarket, bank or savings and loan firm, several small shops and extensive parking.



AT WEST PORTAL - Old Times columnist Marsha Fontes poses beside one of more than 30 vintage photos in her current exhibit at Home Savings & Loan Association, 98 West Portal Ave. The display shows the development of St. Francis Woods (1913 - 1920) and will be open through May 15. See story, this page, for her program at Ocean View Library, June 3.

Ocean View celebrates

The Ocean View branch will help celebrate the centennial of the S.F. Public Library with an open house, program and reception on Sunday (June 3), 3 to 5 p.m. at 111 Broad St. Refreshments will be served.

Local historian Marsha Fontes will present "Ocean View — the Last Stop; a Chronological History of the Neighborhood." Oral histories of long-time residents of Ocean View, as well as slides, will be featured in Ms. Fontes presentation.

The Ocean View Branch opened late in 1903 and has been in continuous operation since then. Residents of the OMI areas have just waged a successful campaign to keep the branch open when city budget cuts threatened it with closure.

Branch librarian Joan Jackson urges all OMI residents who support and care about their library to come to the Open House on June 3 "to receive congratulations and thanks."

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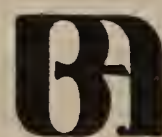
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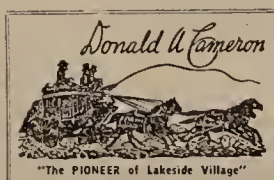
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FILM MAKING IN S.F.

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ly morning should be abolished, it was a difficult decision. Fortunately she is as curious as I about new experiences so we arrived at the top of the crookedest street in the world with the rising sun.

The place was full of autos. Not only pre-1967 bit players, but many newer cars that had been parked on the street all night despite signs prohibiting parking during the time needed to shoot the film. Eventually these youngsters were moved out of camera-range.

As my driver had been told hot coffee would be available, as well as lunch, she brought nothing along to counteract the early morning chill and persistent wind. Anti-freeze kept me quite comfortable.

Luckily, a huge coffee urn and large tray of sweet rolls were planted on the sidewalk a car-length from my front bumper. This saved the day for my driver. A full gas tank sustained me.

We were parked on Lombard at the northwest corner of Hyde where the cable cars tip over the edge of Russian Hill and swoop down towards Alcatraz. It was a perfect location. We looked west on the Lombard block which teemed with cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles and dozens of people churning about. We could see the scene being shot on Hyde.

Much of the equipment, including cameras, was mounted on trucks. There were portable dressing rooms and rest rooms housed in huge vans that were parked in a vacant Lombard Street lot.

The foot traffic between the equipment site and the film location on Hyde was ceaseless.

At 7 a.m., a nightgown-clad woman shouted angrily from a third-story window just above us demanding to know what all the noise was about. Later in the day she stood on her front porch enjoying the chaotic scene.

We noticed a great many young persons efficiently directing parking, answering drivers' questions, letting other traffic move through the semi-blocked street, clearing the way for the Hyde Street cable cars and acting with great courtesy.

These young men and women were "production assistants" (PAs), the office

boys/girls of the film business. One, an attractive blond about 20, had been part of a crowd during filming of the picture at a Fremont drag strip just three weeks previously.

Until then, she had been in college, a drama major of course. After Fremont, she phoned the film company for a job, was hired as a PA and quit school.

Twelve-hour days (six per week) are not unusual for PAs, she said. We witnessed just such a day.

On the sidewalk, just across the street from us, lay some gear which included a sizeable pack and a portable oxygen tank. This was first aid equipment belonging to the set nurse who spent some time in my back seat trying to escape the cold.

She had nursed in Hawaii before joining the film crew.

It was at least 9 a.m. before the actual movie-making began. The process seems much like horse racing, a few moments of excitement and action, then many minutes of waiting until the next — and seemingly identical — shot is made.

It would have been boring except for the many people to chat with and action to watch.

The scene being filmed will probably take but a few moments on the screen, if it is not cut out altogether. It showed the "star" of the day, a large, old (probably mid-'50s) sedan painted in gaudy, psychedelic colors and sporting an enormous plastic "bubble" on her roof. She was quite attractive although a bit too far out for my taste.

In the scene, the sedan, filled with young people, was driven along Hyde Street and was pulled over by a motorcycle officer (unidentifiable because of helmet and goggles masking his face).

Over and over, he motioned the sedan to the curb shouting "Stop. Pull over NOW," and words to that effect.

The auto would finally pull off to the side to be passed by a cable car. Not on the tracks, of course, but one of those you occasionally see on rubber tires traveling about town.

The actors on the cable car included a mini-skirted young lady and a briefcase-carrying, Montgomery Street type standing on the car step. After passing the sedan and cop, it swung away and turned onto

Lombard out of range of the cameras.

About noon, it appeared that people were going to lunch. My driver followed the crowd and discovered that the tennis courts hidden in the park atop Russian Hill were full of long tables.

The actors, photographers and all film-making personnel were fed first. Then the drivers had their turn at a huge buffet which supplied at least 160 people with a catered, hot meal.

After lunch, the repeated shooting of the same scene was resumed. In the late afternoon, when the filming was over, the PAs went from car to car having the drivers sign forms indicating that we had participated in the day's activities, then telling us we could go home.

They got to us at 5:30 p.m. A long day, indeed.

We heard nothing more of the film and saw no publicity on it.

A few weeks ago my driver got curious enough to phone Medway in San Anselmo to inquire about it. She was referred to a publicity outfit in Universal City. There the young lady who answered had heard of "More American Graffiti," but was reluctant to give any information about it. She would not disclose the make of that fascinating old sedan nor the names of human actors in the production. It seemed strange, but then publicity is an odd business.

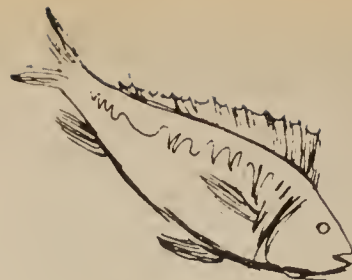
My driver never did receive her \$30, but the day's experience cost nothing and was interesting enough to more than compensate for cash.

If the movie is ever released, my hope is that I did not wind up on the cutting room floor. We shall see — that is, if we recognize the title.

SFAH to meet

San Franciscans for Affordable Housing (SFAH), a new labor/community alliance, invites District 9 renters and homeowners to an open meeting to discuss the housing crisis in the City.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday (May 10) at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Park Recreation Center (off Crescent Avenue, 2 blocks east of Mission Street). For information, call SFAH at 775-6931.



Baked trout

With the opening of trout season comes this recipe from Marion Gough which avoids the smell of fried fish.

You will need:

4 trout (or other white fish)
1/2 pint sour cream
1 onion, chopped
1 or 2 stalks celery, chopped
3/4 cup dry sherry
Parsley flakes or fresh, chopped
parsley
Salt & pepper

Method:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place fish in greased oblong pyrex baking dish. Mix sour cream, onion, celery and sherry and pour over fish. Sprinkle with parsley, salt & pepper.

Bake 1 to 1-1/2 hours and serve in same dish if desired.



Strawberry Glaze

As good as it looks is Marion Gough's recipe for enjoying strawberries now in season.

Crush 3 cups hulled strawberries.

Combine in saucepan with: 1/4 cup water, 1 cup sugar and 3 TBS cornstarch. Bring to boil and boil for 2 minutes or until clear.

Add: 1 TBS butter, 1 tsp. lemon juice, and enough red coloring to give attractive, bright color.

Strain and pour over custard pie, ice cream, pudding or whatever suits your fancy.

CAB seeks OMI reps

Carl Word, OMI resident, was recently elected to the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) to the District V Community Mental Health Center. The Center serves the entire western third of San Francisco, including the Ocean View, Merced and Ingleside neighborhoods.

Word is a psychologist and writer and is advocating for more and improved services for OMI residents.

The CAB is seeking further representation from the OMI areas, particularly black applicants and administrators of Board and Care Homes.

The main requirements for CAB membership are (1) time to volunteer, (2) some knowledge of neighborhood needs, and (3) a commitment to community involvement in program planning.

For more information on how to become a member of the CAB and to learn more about the various activities of the Board, write to: CAB at 1351 - 24th Ave., San Francisco 94122, or call Martin Jue at 558-3246.

Haight festivities

"Arts, crafts, food, music and dancing in the streets..." The second annual Haight-Ashbury Community Street Fair promises to be a safe, fun fair featuring local craftspeople and performers.

The festivities will be held on Haight Street, from Masonic to Stanyan, on Sunday (May 6) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fair committee is inviting attendance by residents from other neighborhoods throughout The City.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

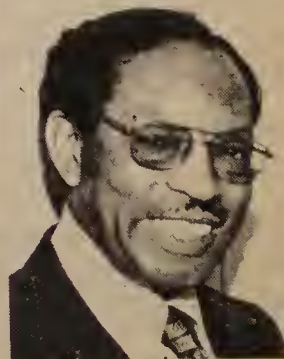
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